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1. The Altenburg (N 51/K 27) airfield was still occupied by about 35 DC-3 transports. After the weather improved on 23 January 1950 flying was resumed individually and in elements of two. The planes took off in wedge formation. Parachute jumps were not made.
2. Expansion work on the field was done by 40 laborers. The field was to be expanded by 300 meters to the north, as far as the Wilchwitz-Kraschwitz-Leinawald field path. A Soviet Air Force officer said that the expansion work was to be completed by mid-1950. The units stationed at the field were then to be transferred to the Soviet Union and the airfield occupied by novel fighter aircraft.

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No changes occurred at the field compared to observations made in previous months. Expansion work was confirmed but the target date for completion was reported for the first time. The information that it was intended to transfer the transport regiment to the Soviet Union and that the field was to be occupied by a fighter unit has not been confirmed by other sources.

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